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Policy/Guideline Area

Governance, Organization, and General Policies

Applicable Division

TCATs, Community Colleges, System Office

Purpose

To describe the Board's utilization plan for revenues derived from out-of-state tuition plan for out-of-state tuition and fees and how those revenues may be used to mitigate the tuition and fee costs for in-state students.

Policy/Guideline

- I. The Board recognizes and appreciates the significant support that the citizens and taxpayers of Tennessee provide to TBR colleges, as well as TBR colleges' corresponding obligation to return value to the citizens, taxpayers, and tuition-paying students by educating and preparing Tennesseans for the workforce.
- II. The Board also recognizes and appreciates the importance of attracting out-of-state students. Out-of-state students not only pay higher tuition, but their presence allows in-state students to interact with and learn from people who live in other states and regions. The Board further recognizes that attracting out-of-state students to TBR colleges is a means of recruiting new citizens to Tennessee who will contribute to the vitality of our economy and culture.
- III. The Board will use its authority to set out-of-state tuition and fees in a prudent manner designed both to recognize that out-of-state students have not been contributing to the tax base to the same extent as in-state students and also to reflect

that out-of-state tuition rates need to be affordable and to be competitive with competing institutions.

- IV. In accordance with Public Chapter 799 (2026), the Board creates directs colleges to use out-of-state tuition in the following ways to help control costs for in-state students:
- A. Use revenue derived from out-of-state students for the benefit of the entire college, and
 - B. Not segregate revenue from out-of-state students for use by out-of-state students.

Exhibits

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Sources

Authority

T.C.A. § 49-8-203; Public Chapter 799 (2026)

History

New policy approved Board approved revision June 12, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026).

Related Polices
